

**Travelers Best at Travelers Rest:
The Power of Place-Based Interpretation**
Workshop, June 12-13, 2013
Featuring Jack Gladstone

Agenda

June 12

9-10:30- Jack Gladstone: opening workshop and session: Interpretation of Place, Setting the Context

10:30-10:45- Break

10:45-12:00-Ken Soderberg- Digging Into Interpretation

What makes an interpretive program an engaging experience for visitors? We will look at the art and science of interpretation and how to apply principals that will help you develop programs that make meaningful connections between your resources and your visitors.

12:00-1:00- Lunch/ Catered on site

1:00-2:30- Sarah Nucci- Researching Period Clothing /Living History

Join Sarah Nucci, Montana Historical Society Curator of History, to learn how to develop the costume portion of your interpretation. Find reliable sources for everything from materials to patterns. Sarah will walk you through how create an accurate impression for your individual purposes. This presentation will focus on the 1860's but will be applicable to any period you may be working in.

2:30-2:45- break

2:45-4:00- Ellen Baumler- From Here to There: The Art of Sculpting a Fabulous Tour

Walking tours—guided or written—can be ho hum or memorable depending on how you put them together. Interpretive historian Ellen Baumler explores resources and strategies that can capture an audience. Learn how to peel back historic layers, separate myth from fact, and in the process make your story an experience your audience won't soon forget.

4:15-5:45- Loren Flynn-Tour of Travelers Rest State Park

Join us as we take a tour of Travelers' Rest State Park (TRSP) which marks the location of a centuries-old Native American gathering ground lying at a hub of ancient travel and trade routes. Lewis and Clark's 33 member party camped here in September of 1805 and again in late June on their 4,000 mile journey from St Louis to the mouth of the Columbia River and back.

6:00-7:00-Dinner- Catered on site

7:00-8:00- Jack Gladstone-Presentation

June 13

9:00-10:30-session- Pearl Yellowman- Interpreting Another's Culture

Providing cultural awareness is essential in many historical sites and museums across Montana. The questions that always arise are: How do you tell the Native American story when you are a non-native? What is the best way to interpret another culture that is not yours? Pearl will help answer some of these questions we all may have.

10:30-10:45- Break

10:45-12:00- session- Billy Maxwell- KISS Your Visitors!

You have no money for props and a bus load of Canadians just pulled up to have their socks blown off. Reach for what is on the ground near you that relates to your place. **Keep It Simple Silly....** and have fun! Join Billy Maxwell in finding comfort in our overly complex world with a few hands of ideas that will be remembered by visitors long after your words are forgotten.

12:00-1:00- Networking lunch- / Catered- Choose the topic of your choice and enjoy a lunch conversation with an expert and other like-minded interpreters. Topics to choose from include: Interpretation 101, Community Interpretation Opportunities, Interpretive Value, living history,

1:00-2:30- Loren Flynn- Development and Value of the Winter Story Telling Series

For 10 years, Travelers' Rest State Park has honored the winter tradition of the Bitterroot Salish people with a Winter Storytelling Series. Learn how storytelling has been used to foster a deeper understanding of culture and place through this program.

2:30-3:00 Wrap up / Evaluations